

**Biographical Information for Timothy Menchego**  
**Governor, Pueblo of Santa Ana**  
**for the Legislative Hearing on**  
**H.R. 2181, the Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019**  
**House National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands Subcommittee**  
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Timothy Menchego serves as the Governor and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) of the Pueblo of Santa Ana, located in Sandoval County, New Mexico. Governor Menchego also sits on the All Pueblo Council of Governors, which is comprised of the leadership of the 20 Pueblo communities of New Mexico and Texas.

Governor Menchego has dedicated his life to serving as a traditional leader of the Santa Ana People – in a spiritual, cultural, and now political capacity – from a very young age. He serves as one of the spiritual pillars of the community, fulfilling a fundamental role in the religious and cultural life of Pueblo. He is also a fluent Keres speaker. His deep connection to the community informs his work as both a Governor and THPO. As a THPO, he is closely involved in efforts to safeguard the Chaco Canyon region from development and detrimental resource management practices, among other responsibilities. As a political leader, Governor Menchego is working to elevate Pueblo concerns through his role on the All Pueblo Council of Governors, as well as in meetings with federal officials and other third parties.